

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being filed via EFS-Web with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 15, 2007

By: Jeanne Visek

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 021985-001120US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HENDRIK-JAN HOUTHOFF et al.

Application No.: 10/739,457

Filed: December 17, 2003

For: A METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING
A MYCOBACTERIUM SPECIES

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9335

Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz

Art Unit: 1645

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 15, 2007, please consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.